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ONE CARGO OF SALT HERRING.

ONLY VESSEL WITH FISH ARRIVING AT THIS PORT THIS MORNING.

One vessel with fish is the most the harbor could muster for over night arrivals this morning. A number of the market boats which were in at T wharf yesterday and took out, came down for bait and to give their crews a chance to vote. As the wind is to the eastward and it looks very much like snow the shore fleet will probably do little or no fishing today.

The one arrival was sch. Alice R. Lawson, from Bonne Bay, N. F., with a full cargo of salt herring. The torchers this morning had about 90 barrels of small herring.

During the forenoon the British sch. Almeda arrived from Burin, N. F., with a cargo of 358,000 pounds of salt cod for the Gorton Pew Fisheries Company.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. William H. Rider, shore.
Sch. Hope, shore.
Sch. Lafayette, shore.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, shore.
Sch. Mattakesett, shore.
Sch. Appomattox, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Grace Otis, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Good Luck, shore.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Massasoit, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Thalia, shore.
Sch. Harriet, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Br. sch. Almeda, Burin, N. F., 358,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1300 bbls. salt herring, 130 bbls. pickled herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arbutus, eastern deck handlining.
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Eastern deck handline salt cod, \$5.50 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.

Salt trawl bank cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.37½ for medium.

Bank halibut, 11 3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray, heads on.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2.00 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2.00 per cwt.

Dory handline cod, \$5.40 per cwt. for large; \$5.00 for mediums and \$5.00 for snappers.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.25 for large and \$4.75 for medium.

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TWO ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

EASTERN DECK HANDLINE AND FROZEN HERRING CARGO CAME IN YESTERDAY.

Yesterday afternoon there were two arrivals from sea, sch. Hattie A. Heckman, from a deck handlining trip to eastward with a nice catch, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

The other arrival was a very important one, being no less than the first fare of frozen herring of the season. The fare was brought by sch. Fannie A. Smith, 900 barrels of pan frozen stock, which will find a ready and waiting market. The Smith loaded at Bay of Islands and has fine quality goods. This first arrival this season is a good bit ahead of last season's initial frozen fare, which came on December 23, 1000 barrels of pan frozen stock in sch. Annie M. Parker, which craft loaded at Bonne Bay, N. F.

The heavy easterly and snow shut out the chance of any arrivals last night and today the shore fleet, a big bunch of them at least, are tied up to the wharves here. Of course the torchers did not operate and it looks as though the torch herring season was pretty near on its last legs for this year, although some small dippings may yet be made. The torchers, however, expect that the snow will drive the main body of the fish.

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The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Bay of Islands, N. F., 900 bbls. pan frozen herring, 130 bbls. pickled herring.
Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, eastern deck handlining, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, shore.
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Volant, pollocking.
Sch. Hope, pollocking.
Sch. James and Esther, shore.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

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CLAMS DISAPPEARING.

Portland Dealers Unable to Secure Enough to Fill Orders.

Clams are disappearing from the waters of Casco Bay.

That is the sad but true story that is being told by the dealers of Portland. Clams have been very scarce recently.

Orders for the bivalves in the shell could not be filled and even shocked clams could not be secured in quantities large enough to supply the many demands for them.

Last week 25 barrels of clams were received at Commercial wharf from Harpswell and not a barrel has come up from down the bay since that time. Bad weather and unfavorable tides have been partially responsible for the shortage in the clam crop.

But what is most serious of all, clams are really disappearing. More and more carefully do the diggers have to search for them and smaller and smaller are the shellfish that are dug up from the flats. Dealers declare that it is only a question of a short time before they will be scarcer than lobsters.

And yet there has been no increase in the price. The dealers say the bivalves are so small that they can get no profit on them. It looks as if the price would have to be increased. They do not want to charge more for the toothsome shellfish, but they say they will have to unless they become public philanthropists.

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STORM HELD UP FISH SUPPLY

T WHARF DEALERS HAVE SMALL STOCK ON HAND FOR WEDNESDAY TRADE.

The heavy easterly wind and snow storm put an effectual damper on the hopes of the T wharf dealers for a good supply of fish for the Wednesday market. Quite a number of crafts arrived yesterday and hung over to sell today, and but for that there would be nothing doing in the fish line.

Since last report there have been a dozen arrivals and seven of them put their fares on the exchange this morning when the bell rang.

They struck a top notch market, with haddock at \$4.85 to \$5.50 and large cod \$5.50 to \$7. Hake soared at \$5.50 for large, while the small goats brought \$3. Pollock were good for \$3 and \$3.75 and 300 weight of halibut went for the fancy figures of 30 and 32 cents per pound.

Among the arrivals were three of the off shore fleet, sch. Benj. F. Phillips with a small fare sch. Regina with 32,000 pounds, mostly hake and sch. Terra Nova with 45,000 pounds, mostly haddock and cod. The stock of the latter will be a big one indeed.

Of the market boats sch. Aspinet was high liner with 23,000 pounds, sch. Helen B. Thomas being runner up with 22,000 pounds. All the other boats had good paying catches.

Two of the pollockers are in clover all right, sch. Valentinna with 19,000 pounds and sch. Eglantine with 16,000 pounds.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 5000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 6000 haddock, 1200 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Matthew S. Green, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 hake, 2000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Valentinna, 19,000 pollock.

Sch. Aspinet, 14,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake, 700 cusk, 100 halibut.

Sch. Regina, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Terra Nova, 27,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 6000 cusk, 1000 pollock, 200 halibut.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 11,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 9000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Eglantine, 16,000 pollock.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod, 8000 hake.

Haddock, \$4.85 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$7; market cod, \$4.85 to \$6; hake, \$3 to \$5.50; pollock, \$3 to \$3.75; cusk, \$2.75 to \$3; halibut, 30 and 32 cts. per lb.

No Profit for Restaurants in Lobsters.

After December 15 lobsters from Canada will begin to come to the American market, and their appearance should mean a decline in prices, which at present are such that neither the retailer nor the restaurateur can make any considerable amount of money. To the average retailer, indeed, the lobster is as sugar to the grocer, no source of profit, but an article carried for the accommodation of his customers. As for the proprietor of the lobster palace, his perplexities have risen as prices rose, and in New York, at least, he has been seriously considering whether he should not charge \$2.50 for a lobster, an advance of a dollar over the current rate. By way of justification he alleges that the nominal market price is doubled in his case, since, in every shipment of "live" lobsters, from one-quarter to one-half are dead when he receives them, and if his freakish patrons fail to call for the remainder promptly there is an accession of loss, since the lobster can seldom be kept alive for longer than two days. Under present conditions, the restaurateur affirms, he is not able to add any new stories to his building. If it were not for the profit on the wine in which the "broiled live" is generally supposed to swim, the poor man would have to increase his charge or develop another specialty.—Boston Transcript.

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NARROWLY ESCAPED SINKING.

Fishing Schooner and Lobster Smack in Collision Off Portland.

The lobster smack Eva M. Martin while coming from the eastward Sunday night came near going to the bottom as the result of a collision with the fishing schooner Albert D. Willard. Both schooners were coming into the harbor and were in close proximity, the Willard coming in by the wind while the Martin had her engine going. When off the bell buoy coming in by Portland light, about 10 o'clock, each vessel making about eight knots, the Martin's engine suddenly stopped and she luffed up directly in front of the Willard, so that a collision was unavoidable. That the Martin was not sunk is surprising as the Willard struck her on the stern and rammed her jibboom right through the Martin's mainsail, tearing it completely away from the spars. The crews of both schooners were mostly below at the time, but feeling the shock of the collision came tumbling on deck, fearing the very worst. For nearly 20 minutes the schooners clung together before the crews could separate them, when finding no serious damage had resulted a start was made for the wharf. Beyond the loss of her mainsail the only damage to the Martin was slight injury to her stern, while the Willard has hardly a scratch to show as a result of the collision. The skippers of the two vessels being the best of friends the question of damages was amicably arranged, each paying one-half the cost of repairs.

RISKED LIFE FOR SHIPMATES.

Fishermen Rowed Ashore to Secure Help from Life Saving Station.

The heroism of one of the five men who comprised the crew of the little fishing sch. W. Tal Dodge of Noank, Conn., who rowed ashore alone, at Block Island, in a dory after the vessel had been driven ashore on Grove point in the blinding snow storm last night, was all that saved the lives of the others.

The Dodge had been fishing off Nantucket shoals and was endeavoring to make shelter when the storm broke. The snow fell so thickly that it was impossible to see where they were going and at 10 p. m. the boat struck on Grove point, at the northeast end of Block Island.

Realizing that their only hope lay in one of their number getting to shore one of the sailors, whose name is not known, volunteered to go. The wind was blowing a 50-mile gale when he pulled away from the side of the little boat and disappeared into the darkness.

The man reached the shore after a battle and told of the plight of his friends, with the result that a crew from the Sandy Point life saving station under Capt Sands went to the rescue and brought the men ashore. It is not thought that the schooner can hold together more than a few hours.

May Defer Lobster Regulations.

At the recent meeting of the Canadian marine and fisheries committee, Hon. L. P. Brodeur recommended that the committee take action to have the new regulations for lobster fishing deferred for two years. The regulations were made last year on the recommendation of this committee. By them the size limit of lobsters which may be taken was abolished, and there was substituted a trap limitation, a minimum size and space between slats being specified.

There has been many protests over the new regulations. Several delegations have come to Ottawa and Hon. Mr. Brodeur has told them that as he had been guided by the advice of the common's fishery committee in making the regulations he would be guided only by that committee in changing them. The committee will meet again and it is understood pass the resolution deferring the new regulations.

International Fisheries Congress.

Under the auspices of the Societa Italiana per la Pesca there is to be an International Fisheries Congress at Rome next year, 1911. This is in conformity with the resolutions of the Fourth International Fisheries Congress held in Washington in 1908. The congress will be held in the second half of May; the day of the opening and the duration will be announced later. The year of 1911 was selected because it will be the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of Victor Emmanuel as King of Italy (1861), and all Italy will be en fete.

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Nova Scotia Steam Trawler Made Big Catch.

The Nova Scotia steam trawler Coquet landed 50,000 pounds haddock Sunday at Canso, N. S., the largest catch since she came to Nova Scotia waters. The trawler Wren also landed good trips on Wednesday and Saturday. The Canso boats are making good catches daily, landing from 2000 to 10,000 pounds each, when the weather permits. Good prices prevail. There is an ample supply of frozen squid in the Canso cold storage freezer which makes it possible for the boats to use every fine day. There is a great scarcity of bait on most parts of the Nova Scotia coast.

Fish Companies Unite.

The San Francisco Call reports the organization of the Marine Commercial Company with a capital of \$2,000,000. It says that Antonio Tropic, of the so-called fish trust, is one of the promoters. Other companies that have reported joined are the International Fish Company, the California Fish Company, the New San Francisco Fish Company, I. Ahoto of the International Fish Company, and Frank E. Booth, the fish packer.

Portland Fish Notes.

The following fish arrivals were reported here on Monday: Albert D. Willard with 12,000 and the Wesley W. Sinnett with 7000 for the F. S. Willard Co., and the Bernie and Bessie with 3000 and the Watauga with 12,000 for the Commercial wharf dealers.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Ramona and Thomas A. Cromwell were at Liverpool, N. S., on Saturday and cleared for Bay of Islands, N. F.

Sch. Lillian was at Liverpool, N. S., on Saturday and cleared for the fishing grounds.

Good Price for Herring.

While the run of herring was on at Tusket river and Deep Cove, N. S., there was smart competition among buyers, whose beet from New Brunswick and elsewhere, include one steamer. Agents from New York were also on the spot. To the first comer, herring sold for \$1.20 per barrel. When others arrived the price rose to \$1.50. A wide-awake fisherman then sculled around among the buyers and got \$1.75. Soon, all others had to come up to that figure.

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Booth Fisheries Company.

The Booth Fisheries company directors will not consider dividends until the end of the fiscal year, April 30, 1911. President Letts says the net earnings for the current year are ahead of last year, when they were ten per cent. on the preferred stock, after interest and sinking fund reductions.

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RECORD PRICE ON CODFISH.

NEW HIGH FIGURE MADE ON FARE OF SCH. HATTIE A. HECKMAN.

Salt cod have gone up again. The raise wasn't much, only five cents per hundred pounds on the large fish, but it make a big high figure and stands as a record. When the fares of eastern deck handline and dory handline cod sold last week for \$5.50 for large and \$5 for mediums and snappers, the figures were nailed as the highest ever paid in the history of the business here. Now five cents have been tacked onto the large, making the last sales \$5.55 for large and \$5 for mediums and snappers. The price was made on the fare of eastern deck handline cod of sch. Hattie A. Heckman, which sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Company. The fare of the eastern deck handliner Juno, which arrived this morning and will go to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company will bring the same figures.

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LIGHT RECEIPTS AT T WHARF.

DEALERS WANT FISH AND ARE WILLING TO PAY GOOD PRICES FOR IT.

Receipts at T wharf continue light as the market fleet has had no chance to fish for the past few days on account of the storm. Of the 13 arrivals this morning, six are pollockers and their catches are small, running from 2000 to 10,000 pounds.

Sch. Topsail Girl of the Portland fleet, is among the arrivals with a fine fare of 19,000 pounds most of which are haddock. Sch. Genesta is the only other market boat in and hauls for 13,000 pounds.

There are five arrivals from off shore and most of them have evidently been fishing on Brown's bank, as very few of the fleet are now doing any fishing in the Channel. They have nice fares and have not been out long. Sch. Alice M. Guthrie has 51,000 pounds and her resulting stock will be one of the best of the season. Schs. Moonanam, with 32,000 pounds and sch. Georgianna with 35,000 pounds will also do well financially.

Sch. Manhasset, with 48,000 pounds cod and haddock and 2000 pounds halibut besides, is evidently farther to the eastward than the others. Like the Guthrie, she should take down a fine bit of money for her catch.

The dealers want fish and are willing to pay for them. Prices hold good. Haddock went at from \$4 to \$4.25, while large cod brought \$4.75 and \$5. Hake, right through, sold for \$3 and pollock were the same.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 3500 pollock. Sch. James and Esther, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Topsail Girl, 14,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 24,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Moonanam, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk, 400 halibut.

Sch. Virginia, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod, 7000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Manhasset, 25,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Georgianna, 18,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 5000 cusk, 400 halibut.

Sch. Genesta, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Marion, 3000 pollock. Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 2000 pollock. Sch. Little Fannie, 3000 pollock.

Haddock, \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.75 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3; pollock, \$2.95 to \$3; cusk, \$2.25 to \$3.

WASHED INTO THE SEA.

One of the Crew of Former Gloucester Craft Drowned in Gale.

The little Boston fishing sch. Olive May, formerly of this port, was driven ashore in the gale yesterday, on the south side of Martha's Vineyard and Peter Silva, one of the crew, hailing from New Haven, was washed overboard by one of the big seas which swept over the craft, and drowned.

The craft bid up on the rocks about 4 o'clock in the morning and the four other members of the crew saved themselves by jumping into a dory which had been previously been washed overboard but had remained right side up. Capt. Antoine Silva, who remained in the rigging was rescued by the crew of another fishing vessel, while the four men who took to the dory were picked up and brought into Vineyard Haven by the fishing sch. Charlotte J. Kingsland of Stonington.

The Olive May, which was smashed badly and will be a total loss, was 14 tons burden and owned by J. H. Rich & Co. of Boston.

WILL STAY THROUGH SEASON.

Capt. Reuben Cameron Will Look After Interests at Bay of Islands.

to Codroy Roads in the interest of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company and brought the leaking sch. Georgie Campbell to North Sydney, C. B., to go on the ways for repairs, has returned again to Newfoundland, going this time to Bay of Islands, where he will remain during the herring season in the interest of Orlando Merchant, who has a fleet of vessels there. Capt. Cameron will take the place of the late Capt. Thomas Bohlin, who died so suddenly at Bay of Islands last Saturday and who had been in charge of the Merchant fleet.